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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KUNIO SEKIYA

Serial No. 09/806,020

Filed: March 23, 2001

For: POLLUTION ONTROL METHOD FOR
CYLINDRICAL DRIER USED IN
PAPER MACHINE

Case No.: 24555

Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Mark Halpern

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Applicants respond to the Office Action dated March 21, 2002 (PTO Prosecution
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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

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Claim 1. (Twice amended) A method for preventing contamination of a surface of a
drum drier ~~used in a paper machine~~ comprising the step of continuously
supplying a surface treatment agent from a spray nozzle at a spray rate of 0.3
to 500 mg/m² per min to the surface of the drum drier in rotation, facing a
paper strip, while the paper strip is fed by the paper machine, wherein the